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By this amendment, claim 1 is amended so as more clearly to define applicant's invention in view of the art cited by the examiner. In addition, an abstract of the disclosure is included as required by 37 CFR 1.72(b). Reconsideration of applicant's invention as defined in claims 1-6 is requested.

By the office action of March 23, 2004, the examiner rejected independent claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Chua et al. in view of Zdrojkowski et al. By this amendment, claim 1 is amended to specifically recite the first stage regulator and that the regulator is operative to reduce air pressure to approximately 50 to 150 psi. Of course, the regulator is critical in applicant's breathing apparatus and is believed to patentably define applicant's breathing system over the art cited by the examiner. Therefore, claim 1 is believed allowable.

Dependent claims 2-6 are believed allowable because they define further specific features of applicant's invention.

From the above, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-6 are requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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